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SUBJECT: TRINIDADIAN ANNOUNCEMENT OF BILATERAL US-T&T
DISCUSSIONS

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1918

1. FOREIGN MINISTER JOHN DONALDSON ANNOUNCED IN PARLIAMENT TODAY THAT THE T&T CABINET HAD AGREED TO A CONTINUATION OF THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH THE USG ON A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS. HE SAID THAT THE GOTT HAD PROPOSED THAT THE FIRST PHASE OF THE DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO DURING THE FIRST HALF OF AUGUST. THE T&T DELEGATION FOR THE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE LED BY MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE GEORGE CHAMBERS AND WILL INCLUDE DONALDSON, MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY FINANCE MERVYN DE SOUZA, MINISTER OF PETROLUEM AND MINES ERROL MAHABIR, PERMANENT SECRETARIES OF THE MINISTRIES OF FINANCE (BARSOTTI), INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE (DE PEAZA) AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (BALLAH), AMBASSADOR TO THE US VICTOR MCINTYRE, NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRMAN KENNETH JULIEN, AND INDUSTRIAL
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DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION GENERAL MANAGER ELDON WARNER.

2. ACCORDING TO DONALDSON'S STATEMENT, THE DISCUSSIONS WILL INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF TRADE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AS THESE SUBJECTS RELATE TO ENERGY-BASED INDUSTRIES, HOUSING, AGRICULTURE AND EDUCATION.

DONALDSON DID NOT PUBLICLY MENTION THE LNG PROPOSAL,
NOR THAT IT WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE DISCUSSIONS.

3. LATER IN THE SESSION, MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF
FINANCE OVERAND PADMORE ANNOUNCED THAT HE WOULD LEAD A
HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL CON-
FERENCE ON NATURAL GAS IN DUSSELDORF, GERMANY, AT THE END
OF AUGUST. PADMORE SAID THAT THE CABINET HAD DECIDED TO
SEND THE DELEGATION BECAUSE THE COUNTRY'S EXPANDED PROVEN
RESERVES OF NATURAL GAS HAD MADE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE GOTT
TO RE-OPEN NEGOTIATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN LNG
FACILITY IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO. THE DUSSELDORF MEETING
MAY HAVE INFLUENCED REQUEST FOR US-GOTT BILATERAL IN
EARLY AUGUST.
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